



Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the results of Existing Building Survey 2005

Total value of expenditure of new construction buildings and additions decreased by 6.9% during 2005 compared with 2004

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the main results of the existing building survey in the Palestinian Territory 2005; the survey provides data on value of expenditure of new construction of buildings and additions, value of expenditures of capital additions repairs and improvements on buildings and value of current maintenance on buildings.

The survey results indicate that the value of expenditure of new construction of buildings and additions in 2005 was 755.6 million US\$, 365.8 million US\$ in the West Bank and 359.5 million was in Gaza Strip, and 30.3 million US\$ in Jerusalem, and it was distributed by type of building as follows: 163.2 million US\$ for buildings, 171.2 million US\$ for villa & house, 225.3 million US\$ for establishments and 194.6 million US\$ for under construction, 1.3 million US\$ for other type of buildings. The results showed that the value of current maintenance on buildings in the Palestinian Territory in 2005 is 111.9 million US\$, and the value of expenditures of capital construction additions repairs and improvements on buildings in the Palestinian Territory is 182.0 million US\$.

Comparing the results, the value of expenditure of new construction of buildings and additions in 2005 with the previous year 2004, we noticed a decreased by 6.9% in the total value expenditure of new buildings and additions, on the other hand it was increased by 84.8% compared with 2003, and by 99.0% compared with 2002, and by 200.0% compared with 2001.

The results showed a decrease in the total value of expenditure of capital repair and improvements on buildings by 36.4% in 2005 compared with 2004, and an increase by 179.1% compared with 2004, while increased by 178.4% compared with 2002, and by 385.0% compared with 2001.

The results showed that a continuous increase in the total value of current maintenance on buildings, as it increased by 46.5% in 2005 compared with 2004, and 185.1% compared with 2003, and by 210.0% compared with 2002, and by 255.0% compared with 2001.